

Trails Subcommittee

5/24/12

Fairfax City Hall, Office of Commissioner of Revenue

Members present: Brian Knapp, Esther Nasjleti, Toby Sorensen, Douglas Stewart

Absent: Jeff Hermann

Staff present: Gregg Tonge, Leslie Hermann

Trails Day update and final planning

Kris has been informed that he needs to clear vernal pool installation and any other significant work with Mike beforehand.

Photo contest – have printed and framed the submissions. A lot of them look great! Will be displayed at Van Dyck Park. Winners will receive ribbons.

Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts: Troop 1887 has expressed interest. Will David Meyer's troop (187) be participating? Douglas will follow up with David. (Note: Boy Scouts were not able to participate.)

Need somebody to direct folks to Daniels Run area. Gregg can help with that.

Kelly has created the scavenger hunt map.

Parks and Rec will bring a 10-gallon cooler of water and little cups.

George Snyder Trail

Site visit scheduled for May 29. Esther, Mike and Bill Niedringhaus will walk as much of the proposed trail as they can, on the west side.

Brian – should we make a grid that lists projects and outlines/scores criteria for selection.

Background – Gary Rasmussen advocated for the trail when he was on Council, and asked PRAB to endorse. Council approved, and it got into the CIP. Long-time community concern, however.

Prioritizing trails projects

Esther explained that it is in our charter to develop a comprehensive plan to enhance the trail system. As such we should identify and prioritize proposed trails projects, including cost estimates. Also consider incorporating Mason-Metro project recommendations.

Brian suggests three categories:

- 1) New
- 2) Existing in need of improvements
- 3) Bike trails/facilities

We discussed each of the proposed trails and their current situation:

- George Snyder Trail
- Tank Farm trail—currently there is a trail though very narrow and hard to find from Pickett.
- Ranger Road Park/Stafford Open Space
- Draper Drive Park
- Gateway-Cross County Trail connection on Pickett – NVRPA has examined several options and is meeting with Mike and other city representatives to go over them. One is to build the trail along the culverts.

Examine each one in terms of what improvements we want to see and how much they would cost. Describe the baseline. Do a site visit of each one. Compile following documents: Mason to Metro study; CIP; compilation of easements and proffers by intern. Use following criteria:

- Length
- cost of construction
- easements status
- level of maintenance needed after construction
- what kind of materials are needed
- neighbors (e.g. potential community objections)
- status (has it already been proffered?)

Next step: Esther will develop the template and initial list. Members review and identify missing projects. Discuss initial list at June meeting. Douglas send bike study to subcommittee.

January and April minutes were reviewed. January—“Rioux” is correct spelling. Minutes for both approved unanimously with this change.